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## **Afghan Refugee School Impact Supplement: FY 2022 Quarter 1**

Dear Colleague Letter 22-04

October 19, 2021

Dear Colleague:

The Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriation (ASA) 2022 provided the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) with specific appropriations to provide services to support citizens or nationals of Afghanistan. In FY 2022, ORR will issue an ASA-funded Afghan Refugee School Impact (ARSI) supplement to states<sup>1</sup>, within the Refugee Support Services (RSS) Refugee School Impact (RSI) set-aside program. The ARSI supplement totals \$25 million and this Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) explains ORR's method of determining the ARSI FY 2022 quarter one allocations and details the funding amounts.

For a description of eligible populations, considerations regarding equity and inclusion, and reporting and monitoring requirements for ASA-funded programming, reference the relevant sections within ORR Policy Letter (PL) 22-03, *Refugee Support Services Funded by the Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriation*.

### **Program Goal, Scope of Services, and Activities**

Many newly arrived Afghan families have young children who will need additional supports to help with effective integration and education. The purpose of the ARSI supplement is to ensure that the goals, services, and activities defined for the Refugee School Impact program benefit newly arrived Afghan populations. The Refugee School Impact program is currently described in [ORR PL 19-01](#), but ORR will publish a revised PL regarding updates to Refugee School Impact programming soon.

### **Qualification for FY 2022 Quarter 1 Allocations**

In order for states to receive the FY 2022 ARSI supplemental funding, the state must already be a FY 2022 recipient of RSI funding and must be eligible to receive the Afghan RSS base allocation as delineated in ORR DCL 22-03.

### **Funding Formula**

The *FY 2022 Quarter One ARSI Allocations* chart below displays the FY 2022 ARSI funding for quarter one; the chart also displays the "Number of People" used to determine the allocations. ORR used the following data to arrive at the "Number of People" totals:

- FY 2019 and FY 2020 match data for Afghan Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) holders from the ORR Refugee Arrivals Data System (RADS); and
- Statement of capacity numbers by state according to the Department of State's Afghan Placement Assistance (APA) program.

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<sup>1</sup> The term 'states' throughout this DCL refers to states and replacement designees (RDs) that receive RSS funding from ORR.

In determining the allocation, the “number of people” totals were adjusted to give equal weight to the Afghan SIV and APA numbers. If a state is not participating in the APA program, they will not receive ASA funding. The formula for future ARSI allocations will be adjusted based on updated data, as available. ORR intends to reassess allocations for the remaining funding later in FY 2022.

### FY 2022 Quarter 1 Allocations Chart

The chart below documents the “Number of People” described above, and the corresponding funding allocations for the ARSI program for FY 2022, quarter one. As required under ORR regulation 45 C.F.R. §400.210, these funds must be obligated by September 30, 2023, and must be liquidated by September 30, 2024.

#### FY 2022 Quarter 1 RSS ARSI Allocations

State	Number of People	FY 2022 Quarter 1 ARSI Allocation
Alaska	74	\$50,000
Arizona	1,391	\$564,639
Arkansas	85	\$50,000
California	15,268	\$6,196,041
Colorado	1,297	\$526,423
Connecticut	694	\$281,559
Florida	957	\$388,398
Georgia	1,321	\$536,037
Idaho	372	\$150,962
Illinois	966	\$392,203
Indiana	422	\$171,300
Iowa	552	\$223,897
Kansas	537	\$217,847
Kentucky	691	\$280,387
Louisiana	48	\$50,000
Maine	85	\$50,000
Maryland	2,838	\$1,151,665
Massachusetts	816	\$331,098
Michigan	1,080	\$438,119
Minnesota	406	\$164,860
Missouri	1,223	\$496,318
Montana	55	\$50,000
Nebraska	732	\$296,922
Nevada	266	\$107,831
New Hampshire	111	\$75,000
New Jersey	621	\$252,083
New Mexico	214	\$86,833
New York	1,854	\$752,479
North Carolina	1,200	\$486,823

North Dakota	39	\$50,000
Ohio	950	\$385,673
Oklahoma	1,343	\$544,809
Oregon	389	\$157,703
Pennsylvania	1,151	\$467,235
Rhode Island	112	\$75,000
South Carolina	132	\$75,000
Tennessee	440	\$178,399
Texas	8,081	\$3,279,404
Utah	706	\$286,379
Vermont	75	\$50,000
Virginia	7,715	\$3,130,776
Washington	3,361	\$1,364,032
Wisconsin	335	\$135,866
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,005</b>	<b>\$25,000,000</b>

#### Explanation of Allocations

FY 2022 quarter one allocations fall into the following tiers: 1) a per capita tier for states with a number of 200 or greater, and 2) a floor tier for any states with totals ranging from 39-199. The floor tier was further separated into a subtier for states with a number between 100-199 (which will receive \$75,000) and a subtier for states with a number between 39-99 (which will receive \$50,000).

#### Resources

Please direct any questions about this DCL or the ARSI program to your ORR Regional Representative or to [DRaprograms@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:DRaprograms@acf.hhs.gov). We also encourage you to utilize ORR's [Technical Assistance provider\(s\)](#) for additional resources on serving refugees.

We appreciate all of your work to support the integration and well-being of these new Afghan arrivals.

Sincerely,

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